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He also served as chairman of the Cape Fear Navigation and Pilotage Commission, which licenses river pilots who serve the Port of Wilmington and other companies along the Cape Fear River, and was chairman of the Board of Trustees at Brunswick Community College for eight years.

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